

REMARKS

The Advisory Action dated November 5, 2003 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. By this Amendment, claims 13 and 21 cancelled. No new matter has been added or amendments made that narrow the scope of any elements of any claims. Accordingly, claims 17-20 are pending in this application and are submitted for consideration.

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for granting a telephone interview on November 4, 2003.

Applicants also acknowledge and thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 17-20 would be allowable over the prior art if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Claims 13 and 21 have been cancelled. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 17-20 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of claims 17-20, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper,

may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number 108131-00000.

Respectfully submitted,
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